



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held May 17, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following items were called up for consideration:

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Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Yaroslavsky: Direct the Director of the Public Information Office to report back to the Board within 90 days with a comprehensive strategic plan to establish a County Cable Channel, which should include information on budget, staffing, contracts, technology issues, programming, geographical areas of potential subscriber coverage, an assessment of relevant resources and capabilities within existing County departments, and a timeline for implementation; and approve the following related actions:

Authorize the Chair to formally request the City of Santa Monica to activate the regional channel obligation that they have and assign it to the County of Los Angeles, and direct the Public Information Office to seek out similar opportunities and develop strategies to partner as soon as possible with any of the other 87 cities within the County;

Instruct the Director of Consumer Affairs to provide formal notification to the cable operators of the County's intent to: 1) invoke its franchise rights for a dedicated government access channel in the unincorporated County areas, 2) have cable operators carry out any necessary interconnection of their systems, and 3) gain Countywide coverage for its channel; and

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Instruct County Counsel, the Director of Consumer Affairs and any other pertinent County departments to work with the Public Information Office to implement a County Cable Channel, and to transfer to the Public Information Office all appropriate video materials in order to establish a video library for County Channel programming.

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Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe: Direct the Director of the Public Information Office to report back to the Board within 90 days with a comprehensive strategic plan to establish a County cable channel, including information on budget, staffing, contracts, technology issues, timeline, programming, areas of implementation and an assessment of relevant capabilities within existing County departments, and any of the 88 cities within the County; also establish a County channel advisory group comprised of representatives from each Board office to help guide the Public Information Office; work cooperatively with the County's cable franchise providers to review the County's cable franchise agreements and to reach a mutual agreement for the providers' assistance in establishing a County cable channel; and direct County Counsel, the Director of Consumer Affairs and the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Public Information Office to implement a County cable channel, including the transfer to the Public Information Office of the video library established for the purposes of programming for a County channel.

Francis Talbott-White, representing the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County, and E.T. Snell addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Referred the aforementioned Supervisors' recommendations to the Chief Administrative Officer; and
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to secure consultant assistance in conducting a cable channel analysis and return to the Board in 90 days, with a resulting proposal on how best to implement a County cable channel.

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